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1. SUMMARY. ASEAN EXPERTS ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES MET IN MANILA MAY 29 TO 30 AND HAVE AGREED ON PRESENTING EIGHT PROJECT PROPOSALS TO THE U.S. TEAM. EIGHT PAPERS BEING POUCHED. TWO MORE PROPOSALS MAY RESULT FROM SECOND ASEAN EXPERTS MEETING ON JULY 3 TO 4. DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO ABOVE EIGHT AS WELL AS TO OTHERS STILL TO BE DISCUSSED, PARTICULARLY ENERGY AND SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY, WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY ASEAN COORDINATOR. END SUMMARY.

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2. ASEAN EXPERTS GROUP HAVE AGREED ON EIGHT PROJECT PROPOSALS AND A DRAFT AGENDA FOR ASEAN/US MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION JULY 7 TO 8. TEXT OF PROPOSED AGENDA FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 2. BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS
- 3. DISCUSSION ON THE FRAMEWORK FOR ASEAN-U.S. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- A. ASEAN GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES
- B. U.S. PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
- C. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROCEDURES FOR ASEAN AND U.S. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
- 4. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS:
 - A. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 - I) ASEAN PLANT PROTECTION PROGRAMME
 - II) AGRICULTURE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXTENSION
 - III) AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING CENTRE
 - B. CONSERVATION OF FOREST RESOURCES
 - I) ASEAN WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH PROJECT
 - C. NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
 - I) PREVENTIVE DRUG EDUCATION FOR TEACHER EDUCATORS AND CURRICULUM DESIGNERS
 - II) NON-FORMAL EDUCATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
 - D. SHIPPING AND PORTS
 - I) STUDY OF SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS OF ASEAN-U.S. TRADE
 - II) ASEAN PORTS TRAINING PROJECT
 - E. OTHERS
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS
- 6. ADOPTION OF SUMMARY RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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END QUOTE.

3. PAPERS ON ABOVE EIGHT PROJECT PROPOSALS BEING POUCHED TO EA/EP. AMONG OTHER PROJECTS DISCUSSED AT MEETING WERE THREE MALAYSIAN PROPOSALS -- FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL PROJECT, SMALLHOLDER DAIRY PROJECT, AND POULTRY DISEASE AND RESEARCH CENTER. GOP LABOR DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THESE WERE CONSIDERED TOO BROAD AND ASEAN EXPERTS ASKED SPONSOR TO CONSULT AGAIN AND REFINE PAPERS FOR SECOND MEETING. SINGAPORE PROPOSED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADMINISTRATION, WHICH PHILDELEGATION POINTED OUT POLITELY AS A NON-STARTER

4. MOST IMPORTANT OF OTHER PROJECTS DISCUSSED WERE ON ENERGY (OIL) AND ASSISTANCE TO SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY. INDONESIA PROPOSED AN ENERGY PROGRAM WHICH WAS EXTENSIVE AND EXPENSIVE. PHILS SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND BE DISCUSSED SOLELY AS AN ENERGY MATTER, UTILIZING THE PROPOSED PRESENCE OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AT AUGUST MINISTERIAL. PHILS THEN SUGGESTED AN ASEAN EXPERTS ON OIL MEETING ON JULY 3 TO 4 (AT SAME TIME AS SECOND MEETING OF ASEAN EXPERTS ON DE-

VELOPMENT COOPERATION). U.S. MIGHT THEN SEND AN ENERGY TEAM FOR A JOINT MEETING ON JULY 10 TO 11 -- TO PREPARE FOR DIALOGUE WITH SCHLESINGER. ENTIRE PACKAGE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO ECONOMIC MINISTERIAL IN JAKARTA FOR DECISION. MRS. MANALO WOULD APPRECIATE USG REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL. FYI: WE ASSUME U.S. ENERGY TEAM TO ASEAN WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM BILATERAL PROPOSAL TO GOP MADE DURING VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. END FYI.

5. SECOND PROPOSAL ON WHICH MRS. MANALO REQUESTS OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION CONCERNS ASSISTANCE TO SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRY WHICH WAS SUGGESTED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING OF THE

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ASEAN COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, MINERALS AND ENERGY. PROPOSAL INVOLVES \$100 MILLION CREDIT LINE AND EQUIPMENT DONATION. MRS. MANALO SAID SHE TOLD SPONSORS THAT \$100 MILLION CREDIT LINE WAS UNREALISTIC AND ASKED THEM TO CLEAR IT WITH THEIR FINANCE MINISTERS. SHE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME FEEDBACK ON EQUIPMENT DONATION -- SUCH AS LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS, PILOT PROJECTS, AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED EQUIPMENT.

6. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF A PROJECT PROPOSAL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IN THE MEANTIME, MRS. MANALO

SUGGESTS THAT WE WORK ON THE LATEST PAPERS BEING POUCHED
AND NOT REPEAT NOT ON THOSE EARLIER FURNISHED.

7. AGRICULTURAL PLANT PROTECTION. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE
THAT THIS PAPER UNDER ITEM 4A(I) CALLS FOR A BUDGET OF
42 MILLION DOLLARS. DURING THE MEETING, MRS. MANALO AD-
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USED HER COLLEAGUES OF THE PROBABLE DIMENSIONS OF THE
U.S. PROGRAM, PRINCIPALLY BY CITING THE TWO MILLION
DOLLARS BEING REQUESTED FOR FY79 (PER STATE 113017). SHE
THEREFORE SUGGESTED A MODEST BEGINNING, AND THE MEETING
AGREED ON AN INTERIM BUDGET OF \$300,000 (WHICH IS
ATTACHED TO THE PAPER BEING POUCHED). SHE TOLD US NOT TO
BE ALARMED OVER THE 42 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE WHICH SHE
DESCRIBED AS "ILLUSTRATIVE".

8. STANDING COMMITTEE. MRS. MANALO UNDERSTANDS THE ILL-
USTRATIVE NATURE OF OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND DRAFT
AGENDA FOR AUGUST 3 AND 4. SHE READ OUT TO EMBOFFS PHIL-
EMBASSY REPORT OF DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT ON THESE TWO
ILLUSTRATIVE PAPERS. SHE STATED THAT BOTH ITEMS ARE ON
AGENDA OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUNE 5 TO 6.

9. PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL. MRS. MANALO SAID SHE
WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH GEBER AT HIS CONVENIENCE.
FYI: PRESIDENT HAS APPOINTED HER AS ASEAN COORDINATOR
AND HEAD OF PHILDELEGATION TO ASEAN EXPERTS MEETING JULY
7 TO 8 IN PREPARATION FOR US/ASEAN MINISTERIAL. END FYI.

10. PER MANILA 8836 MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS
TO PROSPECTIVE RELATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHERWISE,
BETWEEN PROPOSED ASEAN PROGRAM AND ON-GOING US BILATERAL
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